

DELEGATES OFF TO CIVIL SERVICE CONVENTION

The Local Association Sends Its Representatives to the City of Brotherly Love.

Annual Sessions Open in Philadelphia Today—Prominent Men Scheduled to Speak.

The local delegates to the twenty-second annual convention of the National Civil Service Reform League, in Philadelphia, left Washington for that city at 11 o'clock this morning. The party was composed of John Joy Edson, president of the local association; S. Walter Woodward, vice president; Thomas W. Smith, president of the Washington Board of Trade, and W. B. Cox, vice president.

It is expected that several hundred accredited delegates will attend the convention, in addition to those who will go merely as spectators. An invitation to be present has been extended to nearly all the prominent professional and business men in every large city in the country.

Program of Addresses.

The program includes addresses by many men conspicuous in the professional, business, and industrial world.

Some of those who will speak and their subjects are:

"The Civil Service in the Philippines," Frank M. Kiggins, late chairman of the Philippine civil service commission.

"Civil Service Reform Principles in Education," Mrs. Lucy M. Salmon, Vassar College.

"The Spread of Civil Service Reform Principles Through the Agency of Women's Clubs," Mrs. Imogen B. Oakley, chairman of the civil service reform committee of the Philadelphia Civic Club.

"The Civil Service in Porto Rico," L. S. Rowe, University of Pennsylvania, late chairman of the commission to revise the laws of Porto Rico.

"Practicality of Promotion Through Competition," Elliot H. Goodwin.

"The Spoils System and the Merit System in the Public Schools of a Great City," Dr. H. O. Reik, secretary of the Civil Service Reform Association of Maryland.

"The Spoils System in Philadelphia," Charles Richardson, vice president of the National Municipal League.

"The Merit System as an Element in the Reform of New York City Police Department," George McAneny.

"The Reform of the Consular Service," Carl Schurz.

Addresses by Walter George Smith, representing the University of Pennsylvania; Harry Garfield and Charles J. Bonaparte.

Addresses by Dr. Daniel C. Gilman, president of the league.

Dinners to Delegates.

On Friday evening a dinner will be given in honor of the delegates by the Civil Service Reform Association of Pennsylvania. This will conclude the convention.

The officers of the league are: Daniel C. Gilman, president; Elliot H. Goodwin, secretary; A. S. Frissell, treasurer; Henry C. Chapman, assistant secretary.

Council—Charles J. Bonaparte, chairman; Moorfield Storey, W. W. Vaughan, Richard Henry Dana, Morris Wyman, Jr., William A. Allen, Silas W. Durt, Charles Collins, Richard Walden, George McAneny, Samuel H. Ordway, William Potts, Carl Schurz, Everett P. Wheeler, Edward Cary, William G. Low, Edward M. Shepard, Henry A. Richmond, Charles Richardson, Herbert Welsh, B. Francis Wood, Clinton Rogers Woodruff, George A. Pope, Dr. H. O. Reik, John Joy Edson, F. L. Siddons, Charles B. Wilby, Lucius B. Swift, Henry W. Farnam, John W. Ela, Henry Van Kleeck.

WISH ALLEYS PAVED.

The District Commissioners have authorized the Computing Engineer to include in the next list to be advertised for objections under the assessment system the paving with better material of the alleys in the west half of the square bounded by H. 1, Thirteenth, and Fourteenth Streets northwest. The cost of the improvement is estimated at \$1,800, and the interested owners of property have deposited the money to pay for the same.

GLASS OF WATER

Upset Her.

People that don't know about food should never be allowed to feed persons with weak stomachs.

A little over a year ago a young woman who lives in Mercer, Me., had an attack of scarlet fever, and when convalescent was permitted to eat anything she wanted. Indiscriminate feeding soon put her back in bed with severe stomach trouble and inflammation of the kidneys.

"There I stayed," she says, "three months, with my stomach in such condition that I could take only a few spoonfuls of milk or beef juice at a time. Finally Grape-Nuts was brought to my attention and I asked my doctor if I might eat it. He said, 'yes,' and I commenced at once.

"The food did me good from the start, and I was soon out of bed and entirely recovered from the stomach trouble. I have gained ten pounds since my recovery and am able to do all household duties, some days sitting down only long enough to eat my meals. I can eat anything that one ought to eat, but I still continue to eat Grape-Nuts at breakfast and supper and like it better every day.

Considering that a year ago I could stand only a short time and that a glass of water seemed 'so heavy,' I am fully satisfied that Grape-Nuts has been everything to me and my return to good health is due solely to it.

"I have told several friends having nervous or stomach trouble what Grape-Nuts did for me, and in every case they speak highly of the food." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

MINERS CALL ON COAL OPERATORS TO TESTIFY

President Crawford Objects to Answering Questions.

JUDGE GRAY'S DECISION

Prices at Which Coal Is Sold in the Past and at Present Pertinent to Investigation.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 11.—Attorney Samuel P. Dickson, of Philadelphia, representing the independent operators of the Hazleton district, was in court before the strike commission this morning to take up the cross-examination of witnesses.

Miners from the Coxes and Markles collieries had been examined without cross-examination. Mr. Dickson desired to examine those employed at the Pardee's, whom the mine workers had promised to put on the stand today.

When the morning session opened, Attorney Darrow caused a surprise by calling J. L. Crawford, president of the Independent Coal Operator's Association, from his seat at the operators' table.

A New Turn of Affairs.

"This is a new turn of affairs," said Mr. Crawford. "I had no intimation I was to be a witness." He took the stand.

"When did you sell coal last?" asked Attorney Darrow.

"Yesterday."

"What did you get for it?"

"I don't know. I could tell very nearly about how much, if I cared, but I do not."

"You are a party here?" said Attorney Darrow. "You went down to New York to see the presidents of the coal roads, and you want a full hearing and investigation? And yet you will not tell what you are getting."

"Yes, I do not know. The last returns I got were in October. I get 65 per cent of the selling price at tidewater. I also sell at retail."

Mr. Crawford Objects.

Mr. Crawford at this point objected to answering any more questions, asking the commission if they were pertinent.

"We expect to show," said Mr. Darrow, "the ability of the operators to pay the 20 per cent increase we ask. Attorney MacVeagh said they were making no profits and paying no dividends, and we expect to show they are."

Attorney Burns, of the independents, also objected. In the midst of his argument Mr. Crawford motioned to Burns to sit down.

"I'll answer his questions," he said.

Attorney Darrow said:

"I take it, the selling price of coal is relevant in this inquiry. We are, we think, entitled to know about the prosperity of this gentleman. Mr. MacVeagh said any increase would rest on the bowed backs of the poor."

"They have told us what they have been getting in the past. We expect to show they are now getting far more and will continue to do so."

"In part, these workers are partners, and if the operators are getting large amounts for their coal, then why should we not share in these profits?"

The Operators' Attitude.

Operator Connell, of the independents, explained to the commission:

"Mr. Darrow will find in no part of the independent operators' submission the statement that we cannot afford to pay the increase. We contend that we are paying a fair wage for a fair amount of labor. We are not here to show Mr. Darrow our profits, and we contend that profits do not fix the rate of wages."

Chairman Gray, in making his decision on the objection, said:

"I do not think the profits of the operators should be considered a criterion—not the sole criterion—of the measure of wages to be paid the miners. And yet it has a bearing on the situation. I do not see how the exceptional price of coal due to the famine has a bearing on this general question."

"The question before us is, What is fair in profit taking? We would not be able to shut our eyes entirely to the market price of coal, though the question of wages is not to be settled by the profits of employers."

Attorney Warren said that the scale of selling prices at tidewater could be submitted to the commission and thus save time.

Call Unexpected.

Mr. Crawford again explained:

"This call was unexpected. I have been absorbed in this controversy and have not followed prices."

Mr. Darrow resumed his examination and asked:

"How much coal do you mine?"

"Nine hundred to one thousand tons a month."

"And you mean to say you do not know how much you are getting for this coal?"

"I do not know. I shipped the coal to the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western."

Has No Coal on Hand.

"Have you quoted prices to anyone lately?"

"No. I have had no coal to sell. I sell it on contract. While the strike was on I sold several thousand tons in New York at \$19 a ton."

Chairman Gray interrupted to say that the price of coal during the strike was not pertinent to the inquiry.

Mr. Crawford then admitted that he got, in October, \$2.50 a ton from the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Company.

"Is there any supply on hand?" asked Attorney Darrow.

"None, except in cars, as far as I know."

Attorney Reynolds, of the independents, attempted to have Mr. Crawford explain why coal was sold at \$20 while the strike was on, but Chairman Gray would not allow it.

"The commission knows, and it is not pertinent," he said.

\$1.25 To Baltimore and Return. \$1.25 Via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets on sale Saturday and Sunday, December 13 and 14, limited to last train returning Sunday, December 14. All trains except Congressional Limited.

CONFERENCE CALLED ON FOWLER CURRENCY BILL

Question of Paramount Importance in House Next to the Trust Issue.

Next to the question of trusts the matter of proposed legislation which is occupying the attention of the House leaders is the subject of currency. At the last session of Congress Representative Fowler, who is chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency, reported a currency bill to the House incorporating some unusual features.

One of these is a provision for branch banks, and another to enable the issuance of what is termed asset currency. Both have been vigorously assailed not only by Republicans in the House, but by many prominent bankers throughout the country, although the larger banking institutions strongly indorse both propositions.

Two conferences of the Republicans of the House were held upon the measure before the adjournment last July, but no conclusion was reached other than that Mr. Fowler should be accorded a further opportunity to explain the provisions of his bill when Congress assembled again in December.

Call for Conference.

Mr. Fowler has now reached an agreement with the House leaders to issue a call for a further conference to be held on next Tuesday night at which time the measure will be discussed, and an effort will be made on the part of the friends of the bill to have adopted a resolution directing the Committee on Rules to fix a date when the bill may be considered in the House.

There is a feeling among many members that unless the Fowler bill is indorsed by the Republican caucus and made a party issue the Committee on Banking and Currency will not report any financial legislation at this session, and that next year there may be a repetition of the conditions which existed in the money market a few months ago.

Mr. Fowler's bill is somewhat intricate and many members admit that they do not thoroughly understand its provisions. Mr. Fowler appreciates this fact and has prepared a lengthy argument in explanation of his measure.

The committee, however, realizes that there is strong opposition to the measure not only among the Democrats, but also to a large extent among Republicans, and have been holding sessions recently in an effort to devise some plan of action which will receive the indorsement of the Republican members of the House.

Mr. Fowler and the members of his committee know that unless the Republican caucus is pledged to the support of the bill, it will have no show of passing the House.

Must Be Party Measure.

It must be made a party measure in order to drive it through, and it is the purpose of the committee to make it so if possible.

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